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ODESSA COUPLE CONVICTED OF USING RESIDENCE AS A DRUG STASH HOUSE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Jose Enrique Nunez and Adelina Nunez of Odessa, Texas, pleaded guilty to their roles in a cocaine distribution network.

On day two of their jury trial in U.S. District Court in Midland, Jose Nunez entered a guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and one substantive count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine; Adelina, to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

As a result, Jose Nunez faces between 10 years and life in federal prison; Adelina, between five and 40 years in federal prison. Sentencing is expected to occur in April before U.S. District Judge Robert Junell.

By pleading guilty, Jose Nunez acknowledged that he was involved with Midland resident Jimmy Dale Gomer, Marfa resident Bobby Martinez, Jr., and others in the distribution of multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine over the past two years. Nunez further admitted that his house in Odessa served, in effect, as the conspirators' stash house.

The defendants also admitted that in their home on June 20, 2006, they aided and abetted each other in distributing a kilogram of cocaine, valued at approximately \$17,000, to a person who was working as an informant under direction of law enforcement.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration together with the Midland and Odessa Police Departments. Assistant United States Attorneys John Klassen and Robbie Ward are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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